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SUBJECT: WDC SPECIAL COMMITTEE

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1. SUMMARY: CCD DELS HAVE JUST LEARNED OF PROSPECTIVE UNSYG LETTER ON WDC. THEY DO NOT YET HAVE INSTRUCTIONS FROM CAPITALS AND IN ABSENCE OF TEXT UNSYG LETTER CANNOT TELL JUST HOW THEIR GOVERNMENTS WILL REACT TO IT. OUR PRELIMINARY SOUNDINGS WITH OTHER CCD DELS REVEAL THAT WESTERN FIVE AND JAPAN ARE SOLIDLY OPPOSED TO CONVENING OF WDC SPECIAL COMMITTEE ALTHOUGH SOME OF THOSE COUNTRIES MIGHT FEEL COMPELLED TO PARTICIPATE IF IT APPEARS COMMITTEE WILL ACTUALLY MEET. LATIN AMERICAN DELS ANNOYED AT SYG' S DECISION ISSUE INVITATIONS ABOUT WHICH THEY WERE UNINFORMED. ALMOST ALL COUNTRIES WITH WHICH WE HAVE CONSULTED HAVE EXPRESSED DESIRE TO HOLD CONSULTATIONS ON REGIONAL BASIS-- IN NEW YORK AND IN NATO. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING IS CAPSULE RUNDOWN OF POSITIONS AND/ OR VIEWS OF CCD DELS WITH WHOM WE HAVE SPOKEN ON WDC SPECIAL COMMITTEE: (A) WEST. UK WILL DEFINITELY NOT RPT NOT ATTEND MEETING. NETHERLANDS AND ITALY, WHOSE POSITION NOT YET FINALLY DECIDED, OPPOSE CONVENING OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE BUT WILL PROBABLY FEEL COMPELLED TO ATTEND IF MEETING TAKES PLACE. NETHERLANDS HAS ASKED FOR NATO DISCUSSION OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE QUESTION. ITALY AND SEVERAL OTHER CCD WESTERN EUROPEANS ARE PUSHING FOR WESTERN GROUP MEETING IN NEW YORK TO ARRIVE AT AGREED POSITION. VIRTUALLY ALL FEEL WESTERN POWERS MIGHT DELAY A WEEK OR SO IN REPLYING TO SYG. CANADIAN DEL AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS FROM OTTAWA BUT EXPECTS THAT OTTAWA WILL DECIDE IN FAVOR OF ATTENDING COMMITTEE MEETING FOR DAMAGE- LIMITATION PURPOSES IF IT TAKES PLACE. (CLARK, CANADIAN DEPUTY, POINTS OUT THAT IF ONLY NATO COUNTRIES REFUSE TO ATTEND SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING, ENOUGH COUNTRIES WILL STILL BE ON HAND TO PROVIDE SOVIETS WITH OPPORTUNITY TO CLAIM THAT DECISIONS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE HAVE VALIDITY. HOWEVER, IN EVENT LATIN- AMERICAN COUNTRIES ALSO DECIDE TO BOYCOTT ANY SCHEDULED MEETING, CLARK FEELS THAT REFUSAL OF NATO COUNTRIES TO ATTEND MIGHT PUT AN END OT ENTIRE PROJECT).

(B) JAPAN. NOMURA, CHIEF OF FONOFF DISARMAMENT DIVISION, TOLD USDELOFF IN POSITIVE TERMS APRIL 10 THAT JAPAN WOULD NOT ATTEND SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING UNLESS ALL NUCLEAR POWERS DID SO, THAT SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING WOULD BE " USELESS", AND THAT JAPAN HAD NO WISH " EMBARRASS" US. HOWEVER, AT SAME PLENARY SESSION, OKA OF UAPANESE DEL TOLD ANOTHER USDELOFF THAT JAPANESE POSITION NOT YET DECIDED.

(C) LATIN AMERICA. ORTIZ DE ROSAS, ARGENTINE CCD REP, WAS HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL

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INDIGNANT WHEN HE LEARNED OF SYG' S PROPOSED LETTER. IN HIS VIEW,

CONVENING OF COMMITTEE CLEARLY VIOLATED INTENT OF UNGA RESOLUTION " DRAFTED BY ARGENTINA". HE IS CALLING HIS DEL IN NEW YORK TO WORK OUT STRATEGY. DE ROSAS THOUGHT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF US MADE STRONG DEMARCHE TO UNSYG. BRAZILIAN REP, ALSO UNINFORMED OF STATE OF PLAY IN NEW YORK, EXPRESSED ANNOYANCE AND HAS ASKED FOR INSTRUCTIONS. BOTH BRAZILIANS AND ARGENTINES TOLD US THEIR BASIC VIEWS REMAIN AS EXPRESSED IN THEIR LETTER OF FEB 2 TO UNSYG (USUN 388). MEXICANS TELL US THEIR POSITION CLEAR: COMMITTEE SHOULD NOT MEET IF ONLY ONE NUCLEAR POWER PRESENT. HOWEVER, THEY ARE CHECKING

WITH AMB GARCIA ROBLES WHO IS NOW IN NEW YORK.

(D) NEUTRALS. SWEDISH REP, MIN OF STATE MYRDAL, WAS TROUBLED BY SYG' S ACTION. SHE RESPONDED POSITIVELY BUT NON- COMMITTALLY TO SUGGESTION THAT ONE COULD RESPOND TO SYG' S LETTER BY SAYING THAT SPECIAL COMMITTEE SHOULD NOT BE CONVENED AT THIS TIME. MANGALMURTI (INDIA) SAID INDIA HAD AVOIDED TAKING A POSITION ON SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO DATE AND WOULD NOT TAKE STANCE IF THIS IS POSSIBLE.

3. DUGERSURAN (MONGOLIA) SAYS APRIL 25 IS DATE NOW BEING DISCUSSED FOR CONVENING OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE IN NEW YORK. ACCORDING TO UK AMB, SOVIETS ARE CONSIDERING MADAME MYRDAL OF SWEDEN, AMB HOYVEDA OF IRAN, OR AMB OGPU OF NIGERIA AS POSSIBLE SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN.

4. IN OUR CONVERSATIONS WE HAVE REITERATED US OPPOSITION TO WDC, AND, WHEN ASKED, HAVE COUNSELED AGAINST EARLY POSITIVE RESPONSE TO UNSYG LETTER. WE HAVE HOWEVER ADOPTED LOW PROFILE, PARTICULARLY IN ABSENCE TEXT OF UNSYG LETTER.

5. SOME WESTERN CCD DELS HAVE EXPRESSED DESIRE FOR A CCD WESTERN GROUP MEETING ON WDC SPECIAL COMMITTEE. WE ANTICIPATE THIS WILL TAKE PLACE EARLY NEXT WEEK.
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